

Remarks:

Claims 8-22 are now pending in this application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-7 and presented new claims 8-22 to clarify the present invention. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. Applicants present new claims 8-22, which clearly recite elements of the present invention. Applicants submit that all claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

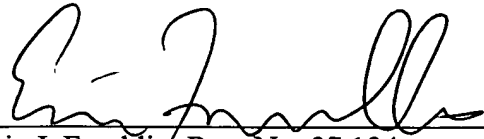
In view of the above, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application and early issuance of the notice of allowance.

If an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to deposit account 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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